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## APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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(preferred arrangement set forth below)
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  - Background of the invention
  - Brief Summary of the invention
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